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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

JAMES ROGER MADALENA

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ASSIGN TO AN INTERIM COMMITTEE THE TASK OF STUDYING THE GASOLINE TAX AND SPECIAL FUELS TAX AND RECOMMENDING AMENDMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE STATE AND THE TRIBES.

WHEREAS, the taxation and revenue department has determined that there are flaws in the way the Gasoline Tax Act and the Special Fuels Supplier Tax Act are written that could potentially eliminate all gasoline and special fuels taxes paid to the state; and

WHEREAS, testimony was given by the taxation and revenue department to the revenue stabilization and tax policy committee during the 1995 interim regarding these perceived flaws; and

WHEREAS, the above-stated consequences of the flaws could

occur if all gasoline and special fuels were exempt from state taxation; and

WHEREAS, the revenue stabilization and tax policy committee neither received nor requested other testimony about the problem from parties who would be affected by the amendments proposed by the taxation and revenue department, specifically, the Indian nations, tribes and pueblos in this state; and

WHEREAS, Indian nations, tribes and pueblos in the state are seeking avenues for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has recognized that gasoline prices in New Mexico are among the highest in the United States, even though oil is produced and refined in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the people of the state could benefit from increased gasoline price competition; and

WHEREAS, no legislative committee has sought to find the best solution for resolving the flaw in the Gasoline Tax Act and the Special Fuels Supplier Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, both the state and the tribes need to find a solution that will provide mutual benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council assign the duty to identify the potential losses that are likely to be incurred by the state as a result of the existing Gasoline Tax Act and Special Fuels Supplier Tax Act, the effect that lower gasoline prices at tribal gas stations would have on

gasoline prices in their immediate area and statewide and the potential changes in the Gasoline Tax Act and Special Fuels Supplier Tax Act that will be fair and beneficial to both the state and the Indian nations, tribes or pueblos as well as the consumers of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate interim committee provide suggested legislation or other solutions to the gasoline and special fuels tax questions to the first session of the forty-third legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be distributed to the New Mexico legislative council, the governor, the secretary of taxation and revenue and the Indian nations, tribes and pueblos located in New Mexico.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1996

March 20, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Perea Casey,

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1996

March 21, 1996

Your TAXATION AND REVENUE COMMITTEE, to whom has

been referred

Mr. Speaker:

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 2, strike all of lines 2 through 6.,

and thence referred to the APPROPRI ATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 1, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

On page 3, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following: 1.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee give special attention to the issue of tribal sovereignty, including increasing public awareness of sovereignty and intergovernmental relationships; and".

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